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TO BUILD INTERURBAN ROAD FROM RUTHERFORDTON HERE

Will connect this section with Seaboard Air Line railway and open up a vast amount of territory not traversed of railroad now

That the big power development suit between the Blue Ridge Interurban Railway company and the Hendersonville Light and Power company is rapidly drawing to a close is the opinion of many in this city. The recent decision handed by Judge Lyon closes one chapter of the case.

Of course the local company will take an appeal to the supreme court of this state and there put before the judges the merits of their side of the fight. Mr. Schenck, counsel for the Hendersonville Light & Power company stated that the fight was just begun and that they were not discouraged in spite of the verdict of Judge Lyons.

Mr. Smith, local representative of the Blue Ridge Interurban Railway company, stated that his clients were gaining ground slowly and he felt sure that this county would soon see the biggest development put through ever attempted in the history of the county.

Many of the local people who have taken an interest in the big suit and have kept up with the various stages in the courts are now of the opinion that it will be ended suitable to all parties involved.

Notice was received yesterday according to the Observer, by Tillett & Guthrie, attorneys for the Blue Ridge Interurban Railway Company, that Judge Lyon had decided in favor of their client the famous case brought against the Hendersonville Light & Power Company and R. M. Oates to condemn certain water rights on Big Hungry Creek in Henderson county.

It will be recalled by the readers of Observer that this matter was first brought before the Legislature in the passage of a bill which it was thought at the time would prevent the Blue Ridge Interurban Railway Company from proceeding with its development. Considerable interest was manifested when the matter was before the Legislature, as it was contended that the Blue Ridge Interurban Railway Company was an ally of the Southern Power Company and was attempting to swallow up Mr. Oates' plant at Hendersonville. Representative Plummer Stewart of this city espoused the cause of the Blue Ridge Interurban and contended that it had no connection with the Southern Power Company. The result of the trial shows that he was right in his contention as it was established that the people behind this enterprise are pushing forward an entirely independent water power development.

It was contended by the Hendersonville company that they had certain water powers which they needed in extending the plant at Hendersonville, but by the finding of Judge Lyon and the jury the water rights condemned to the use of the Blue Ridge Interurban do not constitute water powers, and, therefore, the court holds that there is no reason why they should not be condemned. The decision in no way affects Mr. Oates' existing plant and it will continue to operate as before.

Large Demands.

The Hendersonville Company contended that its water rights were worth approximately \$300,000, but by the findings of the jury and the ruling of Judge Lyon these water rights are found to be worth \$300, and upon the payment of these sums the Interurban Railway Company can proceed to use the property.

This development of the Blue Ridge Interurban Railway Company is perhaps the biggest thing that has ever been projected in western North Carolina. The company proposes to erect a dam of 160 feet high, generating about 50,000 horsepower. Besides operating an Interurban Railway Company through that section of Western North Carolina, the company will furnish cheap power for manufacturing plants and other industries all through that section of the State.

One of the plans proposed is to connect Hendersonville with Rutherfordton by an interurban and thus put that section of the Seaboard Air Line in connection with the Seaboard Air Line. This of course will add immensely to the transportation facilities of a vast territory.

Cancer Congress Opened.

Brussels, July 30.—The third International Cancer Congress opened here. Experts declare cancer causes most deaths, next to tuberculosis. Death rate increasing faster than that of tuberculosis.

Look Who is Coming!

Penny Bros, the world's original twin auctioneers. They are going to sell land in Hendersonville August 6th at 10:30 a. m.—Adv.

INCREASE RATES EASTERN ROADS

Three Hundred and Fifty Railroads East of the Mississippi Petition Commerce Commission to Permit Increase of Rates.

Washington, D. C., (Special).—The Inter-State Commerce Commission is about to take up one of the largest questions yet to come before that body—whether 350 railroads operating east of the Mississippi river and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers shall be permitted to increase their freight rates.

This question is of direct importance to North Carolina where Governor Craig has just issued a call for an extraordinary session of the Legislature to adjust freight rates in the State and incidentally it affects every railroad in the United States that operates across a State line. If the commission authorizes the Eastern railroads, which ask authority to increase all rates 5 per cent, representing in the aggregate \$42,000,000, the same authority will be sought by railroads operating in other sections of the country. This is a fact conceded by all parties in interest.

So the proposal of the Eastern railroads affects all railroads and all shippers. The pending inquiry will be concluded late this year, and a decision will be announced early in the new year. According to railroad managers, the outcome will determine whether the railroads are to be profitable or unprofitable in the immediate future.

Two years ago the commission refused to permit the Eastern railroads to increase class rates 5 per cent on the ground that the evidence presented did not warrant the increase sought. In the present case the railroads want authority to increase all rates, not alone class rates.

In asking authority to increase rates the railroads say they are prepared to show that the cost of conducting the business of the carriers has been, and is being steadily raised by increases in capital charges, increases in wages, increases in taxes, increased burdens imposed by legislative enactment, such as extra crew laws, employers' liability and compensation acts, elimination of grade crossings, the installation of various appliances, and in various other respects. In further justification of the increases asked, the railroads say that they should expend large sums of money for improvements; that these improvements are demanded by existing and future transportation conditions, "and must be made if your petitioners are to satisfy the needs of the public for improved and additional facilities."

Deciding to make an inquiry to determine the reasonableness of the increased rates asked, the commission propounded these queries:

"Do the present rates of transportation yield to common carriers by railroad adequate revenues. If not, what general course may carriers pursue to meet the situation?"

Discussing the difficulties of the problem presented to the commission involved in the application for authority to increase rates, a member of the commission said:

"It is a difficult question to pass upon. Take the case of the Erie and the Lackawanna roads. One of these roads is very prosperous and does not need increased rates. To grant it the rights to increase rates would be to lay a burden on the shipping public with which it deals. The other road is not so prosperous and may be able to show that it needs additional revenues. These roads are competitors. If you permit one to increase rates you must grant the same concession to the other. In the case of the prosperous road, it would be unjust to lay additional burden on the shippers. The commission has no authority to impose a differential rate. This is one of a number of situations that exist that will tax the ingenuity of the commission to meet."

Preliminary work leading to the general inquiry is now being done by field officers of the commission. The commission will begin the actual inquiry early in the Fall. Practically all the resources of the commission will be brought into play to conclude the investigation at the earliest possible date. It is hoped that the inquiry will be concluded in time to enable the commission to make a decision early in the new year. Until then the railroads must worry along with the present rate situation.

Listen for Penny Bros, rag time band August 6th, 10:30 a. m.—Adv.

DENIES REPORT OF ROAD CONDITION

Contractor Blasingame Makes Written Statement to Officials That Assertions Were Made by Those Who do not Know.

The reports that have been circulated of the bad condition of the Greenville-Hendersonville highway within the past few weeks have been strongly denied by the contractor, J. T. Blasingame, who in a written communication to the county commissioners of Greenville states that the reports and assertions of the bad conditions have been made by persons who know nothing about the road.

An average of twenty teams and ten or fifteen automobiles travel this new road every day and Mr. Blasingame says that he has not heard the slightest complaint of any dangerous place in the road as was reported by some one with the idea of keeping the tourists with their machines out of this section.

There will be a meeting of the Hendersonville Greenville Highway Commission in Greenville this week with the view of making new suggestions of the improvement of this famous mountain highway.

Gun Club Notes.

The regular Thursday afternoon shoot of the Hendersonville Gun Club was a most enjoyable affair. The men facing the traps, with their scores were as follows, shooting at 25 targets:

Morris.....	22
Rusher.....	23
Capers.....	13
Chisholm.....	20
Moore.....	20
Ripley.....	21

Mr. King Morris made the best run without a miss, winning the umbrella given by Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Chisholm being a close second with a run of 11.

These shoots are open to strangers and tourists. Everybody is welcome. We were pleased on last Thursday to have Mr. T. J. Capers and Mr. J. M. Whittits shoot with us, while Mrs. Capers looked on from the grand stand.

Mr. Staples, of Charleston, S. C., who gave such a fine exhibition two weeks ago, sent word at the last minute that he was called away on business, but hoped to be with us later.

From this time on, all three of the leading makes of loaded shells will be on sale on the grounds. "Winchester," "Peters," and "U. M. C."

Guns will also be provided for those who do not care to bring them. Next shoot will be Thursday afternoon. Official program will begin at 5 o'clock so that every body can get there. Cost you nothing to come out and look on.

The writer will venture to say that the Hendersonville Gun Club is more favored in some ways than any gun club in the United States. A suitable tract of land, close in, is furnished free of expense; one of the best traps is furnished and installed, again no expense.

On shooting day (Thursday afternoon) men are furnished to manage the traps, one to load, one to pull, and one to take general charge. Ammunition is sold on the grounds at regular prices; pigeons are furnished at cost. Each Thursday afternoon, prizes are furnished, and for the above, the members have no club dues, no club house or grounds to keep up, no expense of any kind.

All the management asks is that the members come out and enjoy the sport.

If the shooters of Hendersonville and those interested in the sport, intend to "back up" the management, and show their appreciation of the labor and expense that they have gone to in equipping these grounds, they must "do it now."

Everybody come next Thursday afternoon and bring some one with you.

The Dupont Powder Co., of Wilmington, Del., has forwarded to Mr. Chas. E. Moore, their Gun Club Trophy for 1913 to be contested for by the members of the Hendersonville Gun Club and their friends. This trophy consists of a beautiful silver watch fob and will be placed on exhibition upon its arrival. A system of hauncherping will be used in these contests and everybody will have an equal chance to win.

Shooting for this trophy will probably begin on next Thursday. The trophy is well worth having, aside from the glory of winning it.

Remember, everybody will have a chance to win, as a handicap system will be used.

"BANG."

National Park Opened to Automobileists. San Francisco, July 30.—Yesomites National Park opened to automobileists today, after several years' fight with the Department of the Interior. This means a new era for California, as well as great opportunity for park.

Puts 2,000 Saloons Out of Business. Columbus, O., July 30.—The Greenland liquor license law, giving state control of liquor license signed by Governor Cox to become effective today, puts over 2,000 saloons out of business.

AUG. W. SMITH BUYS THE HOLMES PLACE

Capitalist From Spartanburg Will Erect Modern Summer Home Near Flat Rock.

August W. Smith, a prominent capitalist and mill president of Spartanburg, has purchased the Geo. Holmes place and will within the near future erect a modern summer home suitable for his family to spend the summers here in the future.

Mr. Smith has been coming to Hendersonville on short visits for many years with his family. Last week he purchased this handsome property through the real estate firm of Ewbank, Ewbank & Co., and will begin operations on the farm at once. A model stock farm will be conducted all the year round on Mr. Smith's property.

Messrs. Ewbank & Ewbank report about forty thousand dollars worth of Henderson county farms sold within the past few weeks. Many prominent citizens from other states are buying property here.

To Resume Operation of the Creamery.

The Blue Ridge Creamery is the name of a new concern which has purchased the holdings of the White Pine Creamery of this city and has opened up for business.

The officers of the new enterprise are P. F. Patton, president, Curtis Bynum, vice president; J. C. Morrow, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Mason formerly with the land and industrial department of the Southern Railway will be manager in charge of affairs at the plant of this concern near the depot.

The re-opening of the creamery in this city means much to the farmers of Henderson county. They are now enabled to carry dairy stock on their lands at a good profit for the products and will allow them the opportunity to enrich their farms.

Mr. Patton the president of the new company was instrumental in the re-organization more from the point of helping the county in its growth than for any personal gain. Mr. Patton it will be remembered was the prime mover in getting Mr. Curtis Bynum to erect the handsome building for the White Pine Creamery at the depot. Mr. Bynum soon found that his business in Asheville was growing to such large proportions that his time was limited here. He will retain a considerable amount of stock in the local concern but will be forced to direct his personal attention to his concern in Asheville.

Mr. Morrow, secretary and treasurer of the new concern, will give his attention to the building up of the business and getting the farmers interested in bringing their products here. About \$5,000 will be spent with the farmers every month for butter fat. The output of the creamery at the present is about 18,000 pounds of butter per month.

The opening of the new concern will make a new era in the business amongst the farmers in this section.

Dr. and Mrs. Ransier Surprised.

Dr. J. M. and Mrs. Cora Ransier were surprised on Tuesday evening on returning from a ride to find Ransier Place, known also as the Pony Farm, in possession of friends who awaited their return to congratulate them and wish them many happy returns, as this was the fifteenth anniversary of their wedding day.

A sumptuous wedding supper was also awaiting on tables on the lawn while the presents displayed were both costly and unique in cut glass and other appropriate gifts for the occasion.

Dr. and Mrs. Ransier have been residents of Henderson county for a number of years and their parties, one of the attractive features of the suburbs. They have many friends who were not in attendance at the celebration but who nevertheless wish them much continued happiness in our midst.

Among the home folks attending were out of town guests from different states, some of whom were Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Adren, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bowne, of Tenedy, N. J.; Mrs. King and Miss Groover, of Alabama; Miss Furlow, of Georgia, and Miss Ruth Gotlib, of Washington, D. C.

Upward News.

Rev. James Anders and Rev. Mr. Morris commenced a revival meeting at Oak Grove Sunday.

Messrs. John and Ernest Hill spent Sunday in Tuxedo.

Mr. Leroy Hill has gone to Asheville where he expects to remain for some time.

Mrs. Reuben Hill who has been very ill for some time is reported a little better.

Mr. C. P. Jones visited in Asheville Saturday.

It has been reported that the Upward school will open next Monday, in charge of a lady teacher.

FLORIDA COLONY BUYS LAND TO BUILD OVER 100 HOMES

BIG POLITICAL PLUMS.

Washington Gossip on North Carolina Patronage Matter. (By Parker R. Anderson.)

Washington, July 26.—No effort as yet has been made by Senator Simmons to have District Attorney H. F. Seawell, of Carthage, removed from office before his term expires some time early next year. It is more than probable, however, that as soon as the senior senator gets through with the tariff bill he will ask Attorney General McReynolds to remove Mr. Seawell and it is also probable that Frank Winston will be named to succeed him.

The collector of internal revenue serves at the will of the President and as soon as Josiah William Bailey, of Raleigh, makes up his mind in regard to accepting the collectorship a Democrat will be named. Bailey can have the job so far as Senator Simmons is concerned, it is understood, if he wants it.

Simmons Wants Dockery Fired.

Marshal Dockery will be removed at once if Attorney General McReynolds will consent to separate him from his salary. Senator Simmons has asked for the removal of Dockery. The senior senator told the attorney general that inasmuch as this office has been in the Dockery family for about 16 years, he would greatly appreciate it if he would allow a Democrat to be named to succeed the Republican incumbent. Mr. McReynolds has the matter under consideration and probably will reach a decision in the near future. It is pretty well settled that W. T. Dortch will take the marshalship. He can have it if he wants it, that is certain.

Commissioner of Internal Revenue Osborn has had Tom Vandford, of Salisbury, reinstated in the civil service and he can now have his old job as deputy collector which he was forced to leave some years ago. Vandford will be offered a deputy collectorship under Collector Watts.

Hopes to Get Holton Out.

There is no change in the race for the western district attorneyship. It is understood that Senator Overman hopes to have Holton removed within three months and at that time he will be ready to announce his choice for the job. Rumor has it that the chances of Chairman Webb are considerably better since he had a heart to heart talk with the junior senator.

The tariff bill will pass the senate by August 20, according to the chairman of the finance committee. Senator Simmons told the Daily News correspondent today that the bill is making rapid progress and he is confident that the measure will have passed the upper branch of Congress by August 20.

The senior Tar Heel Senator would not venture a guess when asked if the senate would take up and pass a currency bill. He said that he had given all of his time to the tariff bill and he did not know what would happen to the Glass-Owen-McAdoo measure when it reached the senate.

Other leaders of the senate including Kern of Indiana, and Bankhead, of Alabama, are confident that the senate will not take up any currency legislation until the regular session in December. But if President Wilson can wield enough influence, and he has a power in both branches of Congress so far, some kind of a bill certainly be pushed through both houses before he will consent to the adjournment of the extraordinary session of Congress.—Daily News.

Honor Appreciated.

Grand Master M. L. Shipman's Lodge, Ochlawa, No. 161, at Hendersonville, wants it understood that they appreciate the honor which has come to one of their members, that of the highest office with the gift of the Grand Lodge.

Brother Shipman, holding a State office at present, resides in the capital of the State, but his permanent residence is Hendersonville, and he frequently pays his home town a visit. Happening there on a meeting night recently, the members took advantage of it and made the session of the Lodge memorable by showing him honors due a Grand Master, and having him set before them some admiring thoughts in an address that was much enjoyed.

The Grand Master told some of his experiences since becoming a member of the Order and how his connection with it had been uplifting to him in his every day life.

When the session was ended refreshments were served and an informal but most enjoyable social time was indulged in by a hall full of the Triple Link Fraternity. The Lodge is in a very prosperous condition at present and seems to be still forging ahead. It cannot afford to do otherwise when it has the honor it now possesses.—North Carolina Odd Fellows.

Be sure and see Prof. Freeman in his famous "Buck dance" who will be with Penny Bros, August 6th, 10:30 a. m.—Adv.

AFTER LONG DELIBERATION THIS COUNTY WAS SELECTED.

WORK BEGINS NOW

B. F. Patton Closes Deal in Spite of Many Free Site Offers Elsewhere.

After making two trips, investigating locations in two states, the "Summer Homes Committee" of St. Petersburg gentlemen which was sent to select a location for a summer colony of 100 families have definitely decided upon the old Cortland Place, eight miles from here, in the Ochlawa valley, on the Asheville road.

This magnificent property was purchased from Miss Florence Roland who owned 700 acres and Mr. A. Pickler of this city, who owned 22 acres. The deal was closed by P. F. Patton for the First Bank and Trust company and Mr. Potter who, who represented the St. Petersburg colony.

Since the contract has been signed it is learned that work will begin at once upon the landscape engineering and before another season there will be over 100 cottages erected and ready for occupancy about June 1st 1914.

The locating of this colony in Henderson county is the outcome of a long and careful decision made by a committee of prominent men, who came here upon the invitation of Col. Cohen manager of the Greater Western North Carolina Association and having traveled all over Western North Carolina looking at various sites. It is understood that despite free offers of land from other communities the committee decided in favor of this county.

The land purchased by the colony is one of the finest properties in the county. Mammoth white oaks and pine trees have stood there for many years and the Cortland place has long been famed as one of the leading show places of this section of the mountains. It will not be necessary to pump water into the residences as gravity pipe lines from Stony Mountain streams near by will carry an abundant supply of the finest to be had in this part of the country except, possibly, at Crystal Spring in Laurel Park.

JUST FREIGHT RATE ASSOCIATION

A permanent organization of the Henderson county branch of Just Freight Rate Association of North Carolina was perfected at a meeting here last Tuesday, July 22nd. The meeting was called to order by Chairman S. T. Hodges in the city hall at 4 o'clock, P. M. The officers of the temporary association previously elected were made permanent.

Much interest was manifested in the vital question of just freight rates for North Carolina, of which Henderson county is one of the greatest sufferers in the discrimination in favor of the Virginia cities. The following industries were represented at the meeting:

Hendersonville Wholesale Grocery Company.
Blue Ridge Grocery Company.
Hendersonville Furniture Co.
Hendersonville Lumber Co.
J. R. Willson.
Stewart & Ficker.
City of Hendersonville.
Fresco Hosiery Mill.

J. P. Patton, representing Henderson county at large, and others.

A committee was selected to solicit membership to the association and to report at the next meeting.

Government Buys Mountain Land.

Greensboro, N. C., (Special).—Nearly 1,000 acres of land are involved in a proceeding brought by the government for the purpose of queuing title and getting possession of the same for forest preserve in Swain county. The government has contracted to buy the land and make it a part of the Appalachian forest reserve, and the proceeding is brought to litigate possible claims and contingent interests, so that the title will be absolutely beyond dispute before it pays over the money. The Secretary of Agriculture has recommended the purchase of the National Forest Reservation Commission has decided to buy the lands. This is among the first lands to be bought in the State for this purpose.